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1. Conservative Merger Efforts:

b. Liberal Party Blocks Preparatory Committee: At the 9 July Tri-Party Council meeting, leaders of the new party movement had planned to form a "New Party Preparatory Committee," but dropped the idea after the main leadership of the Liberal Party voiced strong objections. The Council decided to go ahead, however, with a nationwide stumping tour intended to build public support for the new party movement. On 12 Jul, KISHI Shinsuke met with Liberal Party Sec. Gen. SaTo, Deputy Prime Minister OCATA, KISHI, ISHIBASHI and KANEMITSU to work out agreement on the stumping tour.

Comment: The New Party Preparatory Committee, if formed, would have represented the most definite committment to date on formation of a new conservative party. Frior to the 9 Jul meeting, CGATA and SATO had made it clear to KISHI, ISHIBASHI and others that the main leadership of the Liberal Party opposed such a move.....

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